

Corvallis Times.

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TRACY.

The curtain has dropped over the career of Tracy. Whatever there was in his exploits for the vicious or unbalanced to admire and imitate, vanishes with his miserable death. If there was audacity, it is removed by his cowardly suicide. If there was the idea that he was courageous, it is dissipated by the fact that he refused to face danger when the last critical moment arrived. If it was believed that he was a cool and unerring marksman, it disappears with lamentable failure in his last fight.

Divested of all romance, the outlaws resources seem mainly to have been a willingness at any time or anywhere to take human life, a consummate knowledge from a wide experience of how to elude officers of the law, a power to frighten resultant from wholesale killing of men, and above all a continued and incomprehensible succession of good luck. Added to this was the probable fact that he had sympathizers on all sides, sometimes even among the posers. With these resources, he kept up his warfare, for nearly two months, failing in the end signally and ignominiously.

No brave man slays himself. Suicide is the height of ignominy and cowardice. If imitating Tracy leads but to self-destruction or the gallows, and it does, then there is nothing to inspire others to follow in his footsteps. Besides, when a lone fugitive fleeing before the pursuing posers, his situation was horrible. A realization of its realities is enough to warn men not to attempt outlawry. A dozen, a hundred, a thousand men armed and accoutred, seeking his life. Lurking foes here, there and everywhere. The rustle of a leaf, the stirring breeze, the silence of the forest, all these presage danger. Every clump of bushes, every log or stump, every object along the way, may have an ambuscade in store. Thousands in money offered on his head, and dollars appeal to every man. Not one can be trusted, not even the outlaw companion, whom Tracy probably killed because he feared longer to trust him. The vigil had to be constant, unceasing, continual. To sleep was to invoke chance of surprise, and in such sleep what dreams. It was a terrible, intense, harrowing strain, and what wonder that after two months of it, in the besieged wheatfield the man took his own life.

And then, the bloody hands, the thought of dead victims, stark and still in the new made graves, the orphan children, weeping women, the horrible knowledge of eternity and blood, human blood that won't wash off, there is the rub, the dissipation of all that is romantic, attractive or worthy of imitation of a career of outlawry.

WAS A VETERAN

Of the Indian Wars—Wants to Communicate with Other old Indian Fighters.

Editor TIMES: Among the last acts of the late congress was the passage of a bill, pensioning the Indian war veterans. I served in the Rogue river in 1856. I was mustered in under Captain John Kelsay, afterwards elected colonel, and W J Robertson was elected captain. I think it was company B, 2nd regiment, O T, mounted volunteers, but am not sure. I write this, to give my postoffice address to any of the old comrades as I suppose we will have to hunt up evidence of our service. I don't suppose there are many living at the present time. I have been living over here in the mountains, and have not been able to attend any of the reunions from the fact that I have never seen any notice or heard of them in time to attend. If you will kindly publish the above or as much as you see fit, it may be of some help to the old gray beards that are in need.

Yours Respectfully,
R. S. BARCLAY,
Tidewater, Lincoln Co., Ore.
July 30, 1902.

THEIR MARKSMANSHIP

OAC Men Lost in the National College Rifle Shoot—California Won.

Major Frank Edwards, commandant at the Agricultural College, has received official notice of the result of the national rifle shoot, held in June by the colleges of the United States. Of the latter there were six contestants. The shooting was done at the home institution, and the verified scores forwarded Captain George E Sage, San Francisco, who acted as judge of the contest. The first prize was won by the University of California, the Oregon Agricultural College taking third place. The score was as follows:

University of California, total score, 415; percentage, 88.
Northern Georgia Agricultural College, total score, 378; percentage, 75.6.
Oregon Agricultural College, total score, 367; percentage, 73.4.
Massachusetts Agricultural College, total score, 363; percentage, 72.6.
State University of Iowa, total score, 322; percentage, 64.4.

The best individual score was made by Captain N Vanderbilt, of University of California, 44—percentage, 88.

GOING TO ORGANIZE

Court Calls Supervisors Into Council for Consideration of Roads.

C. county Clerk Moses was busy yesterday mailing an order of the court to the various road supervisors of the county. This order was made at the recent session. It requests each supervisor of the county to attend the Thursday's session of the court in September, and gives to each a day's pay for the service.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss roads, road plans and road interests of the county, and to arrive at a thorough understanding of the same. In the late road operations some of the supervisors paid one price for labor, and other supervisors paid different wages. For the same service. In some districts \$2.50 was paid per day for man and team, and others \$3 per day. It is proposed at the coming meeting, to get supervisors and court in complete harmony and to have a thorough organization, not only for such work as may be done this season, but in preparation for next year.

The members of the court, as is to be seen from the road order made at their initial session, are favorable to permanent road improvement, and as the supervisors are the official representatives of the people in the various districts on the subject of roads, the belief is that a harmonious and perfect method of operation in road work is to be secured by consideration of all the phases of the question at the coming meeting.

WAS HER DEAD SON'S

Gold Ring Found by Sewer Men Identified by an Aged Mother.

The story of a gold ring found told in Saturday's TIMES has a sequel. Tears streamed from the eyes of Mrs Sophronia Quivey, now nearly ninety years of age, as she related the ring's history yesterday. "The ring was a present to my son, Addison M Quivey before he came to Corvallis in the early Seventies," she said. "It was given him by a man in the East for whom he won an important law case, and he prized the keepsake very much. The ring was lying about the house, one day and his brother Gilbert Quivey wore it off. The latter was running a newspaper at the time and one day he laid it down, and someone in the office carried it away. Track was lost of the jewel, and all efforts to recover it failed. Addison Quivey regretted much its loss, even up to the time of his death, which occurred shortly afterward.

The sudden re-appearance of the ring, dug from five feet under the ground after being 30 years buried has set old recollections and scenes moving in the memory of the aged mother. "I do not care to own the ring, but I would like to see it and feel it, and handle it once more," she said through her tears yesterday.

Goodbye prices on all summer goods—Noian & Callahan.

Guardians Sale of Real Estate.

In the matter of the guardianship of the estate of Luther S Woodruff, Ira B Woodruff, minors.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, made and entered on the 7th day of July, 1902, I will on Thursday, the 11th day of September, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the court house in Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, sell at public auction for cash the following described property of said estate and the right title and interest in said Luther S Woodruff and Ira B Woodruff have therein to-wit: The undivided 2-28 of the East 1-2 and 2-7 of the West 1-2 of the South-west 1-4 of Section 4 T 13 S R 6 West of Will Mer, in Benton county, Oregon.
Catherine P. Woodruff,
Guardian of the person and estate of Luther S Woodruff and Ira B Woodruff, minors.

TWO WITH SINGLE THOUGHT

Boys With Garden Hose—How one That Didn't Squirt Died.

Imagine two small boys with a garden hose, sprinkling lawns, at adjoining places with only a backyard fence between them. And then, just to give the imagination strenuous exercise, try to conceive that both will not be wet as drowned rats before they get through. Try to think that Bill won't, just for fun, squirt a few drops on Ike, and after that, endeavor to believe that Ike won't squirt back at Bill. Then, just for the sake of imagining, try to think that things won't go from bad to worse, and that within a mighty few minutes Bill and Ike won't be squirting point blank at each other at the closest possible range. Persuade yourself to believe if you can that any cat, dog, cow, Chinaman, white man, boy or moving thing that comes that way won't get flooded with water from the hose in the hands of Ike and Bill. Finally try to think that, by and by, two mothers mad as hornets, won't rush out on Ike and Bill, and that for a brief space thereafter, the two dripping lads won't hear things rattle and smell smoke and brimstone.

It all will be hard to imagine, for it never happened but once and probably never will again. For a boy to have a hose is to want to squirt water, and if there is some other boy and another hose the temptation is irresistible. There is only one known record in which a healthy boy did resist, and he soon afterward died, sucking his thumb. The only excuse for this item is that it was written when the thermometer was up to 102, and it seemed good to think about wet boys and squirting water.

HOTTEST IN YEARS

A Day That Smashed all Known Records—Passed the Hundred Mark.

There has been about as much stray heat abroad in Corvallis the past week as the average citizens care to experience. The temperature went up to 102 Wednesday afternoon. That is the highest temperature on record in this locality since the weather office was established which was in 1889. The next highest was on the 14th day of August last year, when the mercury went up to 101. Up to that unhappy day, the mercury had never before touched a point within several degrees of the record made. The hottest day in August in 1899 was 89; in 1900, 82.

But last Wednesday eclipsed them all. It left the marks of wilt on lawn mowers, shade trees, gardens flowers and fat men. They say it and the other hot days before and after, have blighted the growing spring wheat, now in milk and dough.

One young man who worked on a roof of a house and wore rubbers on his feet so he wouldn't slip, claims it melted the rubbers. His veracity is ordinarily good.

Miss Crawford of the telephone office, who had an occasion to make a trip out in the sunshine at midday was nearly prostrated, and was compelled to wear an ice cap the rest of the day.

A north wind blew steadily all day, but it was so warm that it afforded but little relief.

The temperature since has been a trifle better but is still unusually warm. Thursday it was 98. and yesterday, 94.

MANY GOING

So They Say—Big Railroad Excursion to Newport Tomorrow.

People are expecting that the excursion to Newport over the Corvallis & Eastern and Southern Pacific tomorrow will be something of prodigious proportions. At Albany trains are to arrive from Salem and Eugene to connect with the Bay train. At Corvallis a train up the Westside will make similar connections. The latter will bring people from Dallas, McMinnville, Monmouth, Independence and way stations.

All sorts of estimates of the number of people that will go are in the air. Late hot days have served to magnify the figures. Some guess that even as many as 1,000 excursionists will participate.

In order to accommodate the crowd, the Corvallis & Eastern has secured a number of extra coaches from the Southern Pacific for use that day. The time for the departure of the train from Corvallis is half an hour earlier than usual. It leaves at seven o'clock.

Among other reports in circulation is that there will be a balloon ascension, a flying machine exhibition and such things.

Posts

Shingles and all kinds of dimension lumber on hand at the Benton County lumber yard.

ALL GOT CLAIMS

Corvallisites who Went to Eastern Oregon—Arrived Home Yesterday

The Corvallisites that went to Eastern Oregon to locate timber claims, arrived home yesterday morning. Members of the party were, Jacob Wrage, H Clodfelter, James McKenzie, Raleigh McLagan, G W Snider, Mrs Peterson, and Mrs Cox Albany. The trip occupied a period of 10 days. All secured claims of what is described as very fine tracts of yellow pine timber. The locations are in the Barnes Valley country, sixty miles northeast of Klamath Falls.

The party went to Ashland by train, and thence by private conveyance. The distance from Ashland to the timber belt is 140 miles. It is expected that another party of Corvallisites will leave for the same county on the same errand next week.

THE SECRET

Of Tracy's Suicide—Doctor and Lawyer Were After him—Other News

Hon Charles A Johns, a distinguished attorney of Baker City, whose friends pushed his name for the governorship early in the late campaign, passed through town yesterday, en route home from an outing at Newport. He was accompanied by his young daughter. Mr Johns is one of the likely men of the state. Few if any lawyers in Oregon have a more lucrative law practice. He is a member of the Text Book Commission.

It turns out that in the posse that captured Tracy there was a doctor and a lawyer. When that combination fails to kill, the limit is reached. Evidently Tracy discovered the character of his new pursuers and realizing that death was inevitable, gave up the ghost by his own hand. In the face of odds like these, what else could the man do?

Market Report.

PORTLAND.

Wheat, valley, 65
Flour, \$ 2.05 to \$ 3.80 per bbl.
Potatoes, \$ 75 to 85 per cental
Eggs, Oregon, 19 to 20 per doz.
Butter, 17 to 18c per lb.
Creamery, 20 to 21 per lb.

CORVALLIS.

Wheat, 54c per bushel.
Flour, 80c and 85 per sack.
Butter, to 25 c per pound.
Creamery, 50c per roll.
Eggs, 18c per dozen.
Lard 15 c per lb.p

Blue Print Maps.

Blue print maps of any township in Roseburg Oregon and District, showing all vacant lands for 50 cents each. If you want any information from the U S Land Office address

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased by the county court of Benton county, state of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased, are hereby requested to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at his residence in Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon, or at the office of E E Wilson in Corvallis, Benton county Oregon.

Dated this August 9th, 1902.
ERNEST ELLIOTT,
Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Elliott, deceased.

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